



# Professional Military Education **Initial Entry Training**



## **Conducting Squad Drill**



# References

- **FM 3-21.5 (TC 3-21.5)**  
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# Conducting Squad Drill



- 1. Drill Instruction Review**
- 2. Terminology Review**
- 3. Conduct Squad Drill**



# Drill Instruction Review



- ***Step-by-step:* Marching movements**
- ***Talk-through:* Movements that require numerous or simultaneous actions**
- ***By-the-numbers:* Movements that have two or more counts**





# **Drill Instruction Review**



**Ensure complete presentation  
(regardless of method) by  
using three teaching stages:**

- 1. Explanation,**
- 2. Demonstration, and**
- 3. Practice.**



# Drill Instruction Review



## **Command Voice:**

- **Voice has carrying power**
- **Commands from *Attention***
- ***Preparatory command* with rising inflection**
- ***Give command of execution* in sharper tone, higher pitch**



# Terminology Review



***Formation*** Arrangement of elements of unit in a prescribed manner

***Column*** A formation in which the elements are one behind the other. In platoon, squad members are one behind the other, with the squads abreast of each other.

***File*** A column that has a front of one element.

***Rank*** Line one element in depth.





# Terminology Review

- Line*** Formation where elements are abreast of each other.
- Element*** An individual, squad, section, platoon company, or larger unit forming as part of the next higher unit.
- Interval*** Lateral space between soldiers, measured from right to left by the soldier
- Alignment*** The arrangement of several elements on the same line

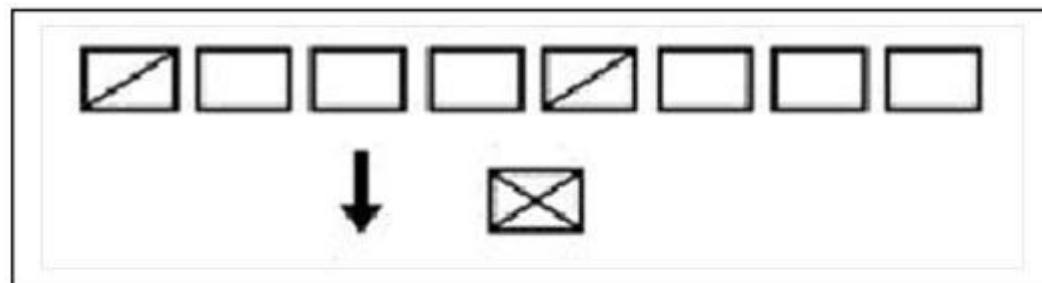
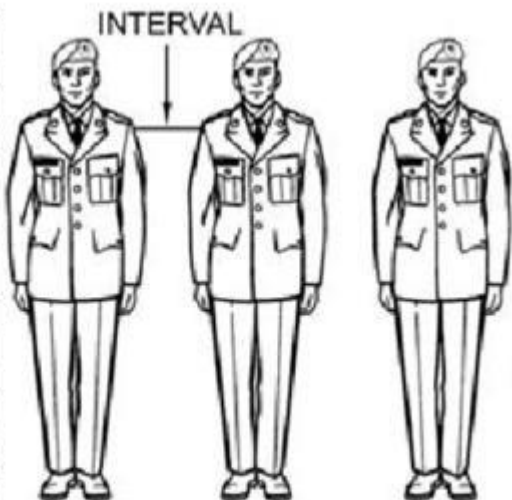
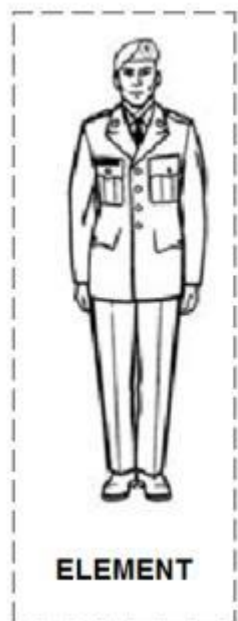




# Terminology Review



## ***Squad in Line Formation: Element and Interval***



SQUAD LINE (RANK)



# Terminology Review

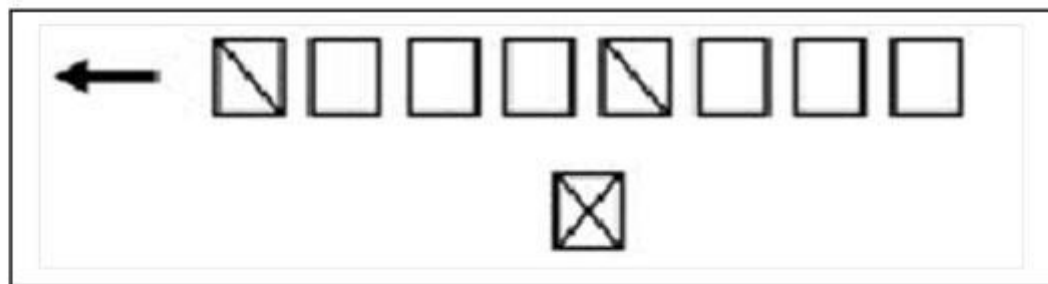
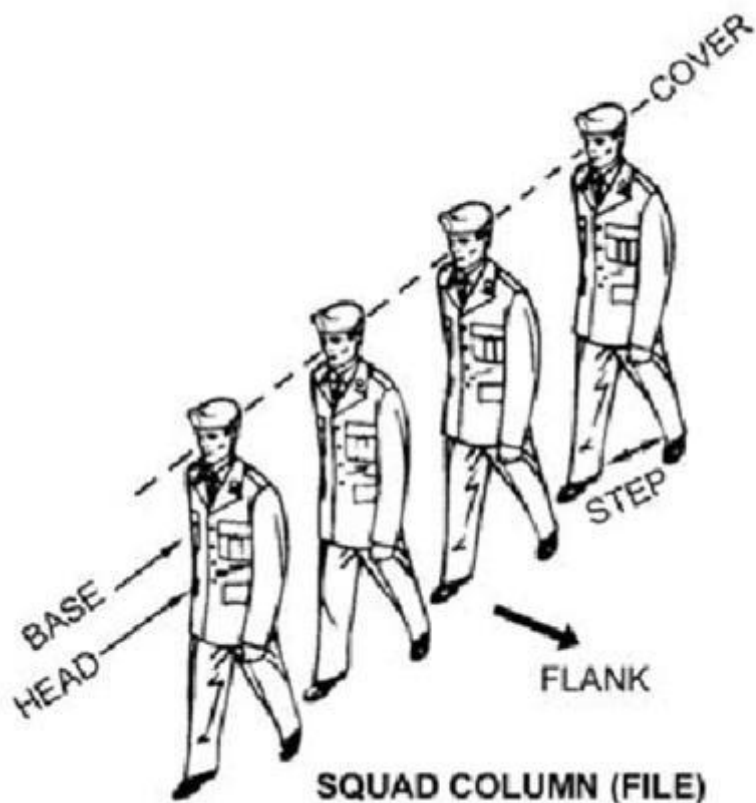


<b><i>Base</i></b>	<b>The element on which a movement is planned or regulated.</b>
<b><i>Cover</i></b>	<b>Aligning oneself directly behind the man to one's immediate front while maintaining correct distance.</b>
<b><i>Head</i></b>	<b>Leading element of a column.</b>
<b><i>Step</i></b>	<b>Distance measured from one heel to the other heel of a marching soldier.</b>
<b><i>Flank</i></b>	<b>The right or left side of any formation within that formation.</b>



# Terminology Review

## ***Squad in Column: Base, Head, Cover, Step, Flank***







# Terminology Review



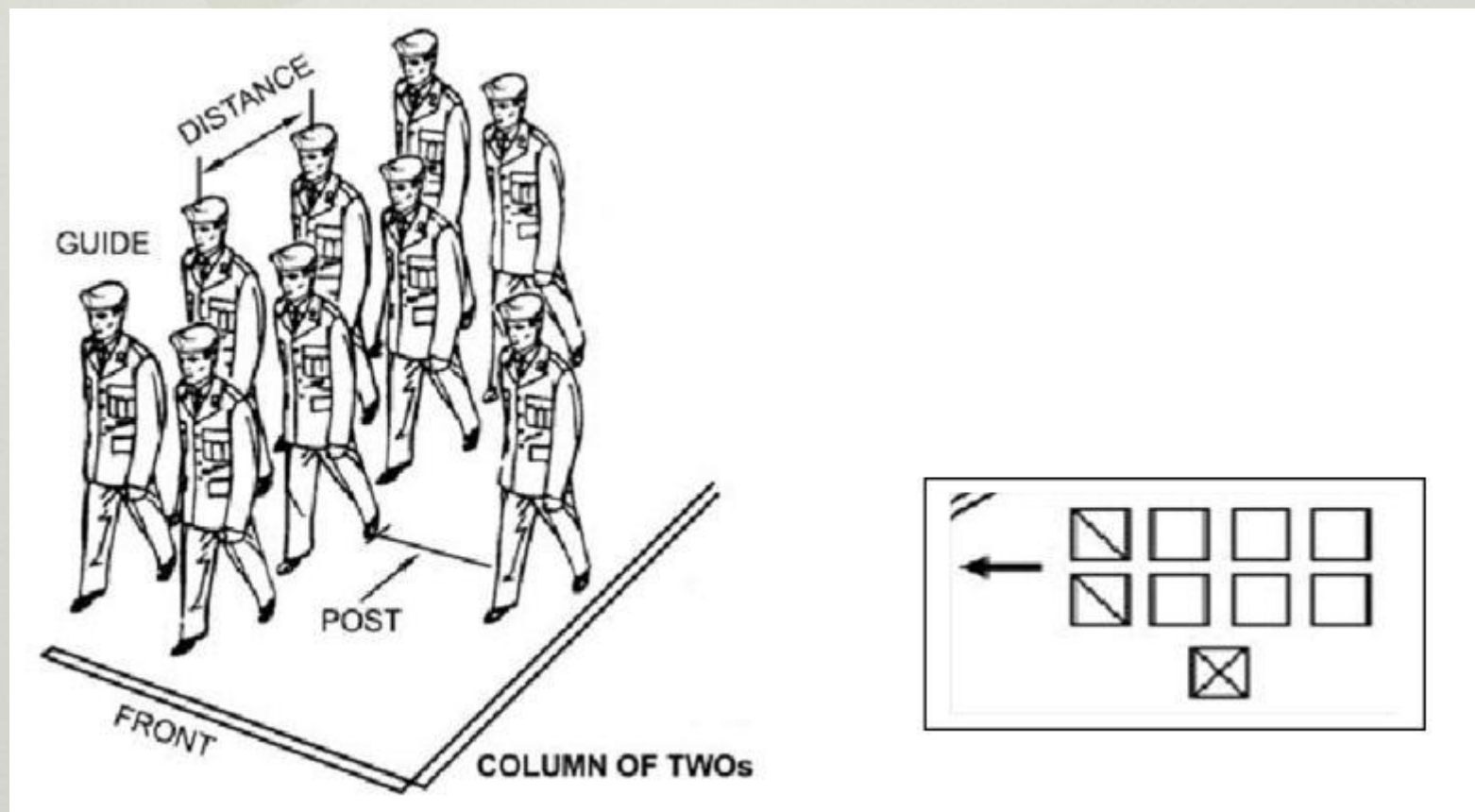
- Guide***      **Person responsible for maintaining the direction and rate of march.**
- Distance***      **Space between elements when one behind the other; arm's length to the front plus 6" from the chest to the back of the soldiers to the front**
- Front***      **Space from side to side of a formation, including the right and left elements.**
- Post***      **Correct place for an officer or NCO to stand in a formation.**





# Terminology Review

## ***Columns of Two: Guide, Distance, Front, Post***





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## **Fall In:**

- **Proper centering**
- **Establish Interval**
- **Right/left flank troops**
- **Appropriate Cover**
- **Position of Attention**



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## **Count off:**

- **Executed from right to left.**
- **Turns head to right**
- **Soldiers to left counts with next number, turns to front**
- **All execute count-off in same manner.**





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## Inspection:

- ***Open Ranks, MARCH***
- **First rank: 2 steps forward**
- **Second rank: 1 step forward**
- **Third rank: stands fast**
- **Fourth rank: 2 steps back**





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## Inspection:

- ***Dress Right, DRESS***
- **Right flank stands fast**
- **Others turn head to right.**
- **All except left flank extend left arm at shoulder**
- **Touches soldier on right**
- **Once Aligned, the Command *READY, FRONT is given.***



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## **Inspection:**

- **Squad Leader marches to 1 step from right flank soldier**
- **Verifies alignment, direct to move forward or backward**
- **Repeats for each line**



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## **Inspection:**

- **Close Ranks, MARCH.**
- **First rank: 4 steps back**
- **Second rank: 2 steps back**
- **Third rank: stands fast**
- **Fourth rank: 1 step forward**





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## **Stationary Movements:**

- **Position of Attention**
- **Parade Rest**
- **At Ease / At Rest**
- **Present Arms / Order Arms**
- **About Face**
- **Right / Left Face**
- **Cover / Recover**





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## **Marching the Squad:**

- **March Time / Change Step**
- **Rear March**
- **Column (Half) Left (Right)**
- **Right (Left) Flank**
- **Incline Right (Left)**
- **Column of Twos to Right (Left)**
- **File from the Right (Left)**



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## **Dismissal:**

- **Dismissed at *Attention***
- **Soldiers take one step back and perform an *About Face***
- **Unless otherwise directed, the command terminates only formation, not duty day**



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**Questions?**

***Drill Practice***